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REGISTRATION SYSTEM)
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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I, Barry Fellman, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am the sole named inventor in the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application (the "present application"), which claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application no. 60/168,368, filed December 1, 1999 (the "provisional application"). I am also the founder and CEO of Signature Domains.

2. No later than January of 1999, I reduced to practice (with the assistance of IT specialists) a system for checking the registration availability of domain names (the "Multi-check system"). I initially used the Multi-check system in-house, and later deployed the system as part of a publicly-accessible web site. The initial reduction to practice and use of the Multi-check system occurred within the United States.

3. Attached to this Declaration are four screen shots, each dated January 29, 1999, showing the user interface of the Multi-check system as initially reduced to practice. These four screen shots, labeled Figures A-D, also appear in my provisional application.

4. As shown in Figure A, the Multi-check system allowed a user to check up to five names at a time. Specifically, the user could enter up to five names into a web form without

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specifying corresponding Top Level Domain (TLD) extensions, and then select a "check availability" button to submit a corresponding query to a server operated by Signature Domains.

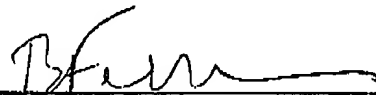
5. As shown by Figures B and C, the Multi-check system would display the results of the query within a table which indicated the availability status of each name for each of multiple TLD extensions. While viewing this table, the user could select one or more of the available names to register by selecting one or more of the associated check boxes, and then select the "register selected names" button to submit a request to register the selected names. A confirmation page (Figure D) would then be displayed to confirm the user's request.

6. No later than January of 1999, I used the Multi-check system in the United States, including the views shown in Figures A-D, to check registration availability of multiple domain names at a time, and to generate requests in which I would request registration of multiple domain names in a single request.

7. The Multi-check system, as implemented and used within the United States no later than January of 1999, falls within the scope, and represents a reduction to practice, of each of the pending independent claims of the present application, as amended by the amendment filed herewith.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATION

- **Quick** - Check up to 5 names at a time
- **Easy** - Our simple instructions guide you
- **Save** - Only \$55 each for 5 or more names

Start here by entering the names that you would like to register.
Enter up to 5 names and click "Check Availability."

www	yahoo
www	patlaw
www	specifiedname
www	namevariation1
www	namevariation2

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Fig. A

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Select the names you want to register by checking the boxes. Each name you check will be added to your selection list.

Domain	com	net	org
yahoo	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
palaw	Not Available	Not Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available
specifiedname	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available
namevariation1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available
namevariation2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available

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Select the names you want to register by checking the boxes. Each name you check will be added to your selection list.

Domain	com	net	org
yahoo	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
patlaw	Not Available	Not Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Available
specifiedname	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available
namevariation1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Available
namevariation2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Available	<input type="checkbox"/> Available

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You have selected the following names for registration. If you are satisfied with your selections, begin the registration process. You may delete names from your list by unchecking the name and clicking "Update List."

Domain Name List

☒ specifiedname.com

☒ specifiedname.net

☒ specifiedname.org

☒ namevariation1.com

☒ namevariation2.com

Begin Registration

Update List

You may also check for additional names.

Check Availability

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Fig. D